

There was living in Charleston in 1696
a gentleman named Thomas
Smith, who had seen rice cultivated
in Madagascar. One day when a
sea captain, an old friend of Smith's
sailed into Charleston Harbor from
Madagascar, Thomas Smith got
from him a bag of seed rice. This
was ~~carefully~~ ^{carefully} sown in a wet
place in Smith's garden ^{on Broad St.} in Charles-
ton. It grew, and soon Carolina
was changed into a land of great
rice plantations, the raising of rice
spread into Georgia when that colony
was settled.

(note) Copied from Eggleston's History of
United States & its people

Landgrave and its meaning: is an earl
or count, Sax., a companion or count.
It is contracted into [Reeve, as in
sheriff, or shire-reeve]

A title taken by some German counts
in the twelfth century, to distinguish
themselves from inferior counts
under their jurisdiction, Three of
them were princes of the empire.
Brand

Taken from Webster's dictionary

Pedigree

Landgrave Smith (first) married the youthful
baroness, the widow of Bernard Schenkerly,
whose brother Benj. came with them to
America. Smith was an English man
died Nov. 16. 1694 born 1648 he was 46 yrs old.

Thomas Smith (2nd Landgrave) was twice
married: first to Sarah, eldest daughter of
Col. Joseph Blake - second to Mary only
daughter of Edward & Elizabeth Hyman in 1775.
Elizabeth was the fifth child.
n.b. afterwards Gov. Joseph Blake
according to Ramsays History of S.C.

Thomas Smith died in 1738 aged 68 yrs

Mary Smith " " 1777 " 80 "

Taken from Carolina in the Olden time
by Mrs Poyas

Governor Blake was in office in 1694
and again 1696 second term

over

notes

mention is made of Major Hymn in Gibbes Documentary History page 10 - he was a member of Association of Bill of Rights. again in Moultrie's Memoirs - also James Life of Marion, Appendix page 17 - Gardners Anecdotes of Revolution page 406 + Early History of S.C. by Rivers - page 170

Landgrave Thos. Smith Governor of S.C. in 1693 was born in the city of Exeter; Devonshire - England in 1648 and died in 1694 - 46 yrs old 1687 nov. He left two (2) sons -
Thomas born in 1670 who inherited the title and most of the property of his father +
George born in 1672.

Thomas Smith 2nd Landgrave over

had ten sons and ten daughters
of whom Elizabeth born Jan 6th 1722
was married to Capt Thomas Dixon
of James Island in 1745; when 33 yrs
of age, and died Sept 26 - 1756

Thomas Dixon was born in 1720 and
died March 1769

They had three children of whom
Elizabeth born in 1749 was married
Apr. 19th 1770 to John Robert. and
died 15th November 1826